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### **Spirit of the Flame Keeps on Giving**

Campbell River's Olympic Torch Relay is pleased to announce the outcome of their fundraising efforts during the Spirit of the Flame Torch Relay event held November 2.

Donations were raised three ways: through the sale of Spirit Bowls and soup, donations on the free transit and Park and Ride buses and from the auction of an original print graciously donated by local artist Mark Henderson.

The whimsical, colorful Spirit Bowls sold out fast as volunteers shared their community spirit as part of the public celebration held during the Olympic Torch Relay event in Campbell River earlier this month. Proceeds from the sale of the Spirit Bowls and the locally prepared soup, resulted in \$2,100 being raised for the Campbell River & District Food Bank, the Salvation Army and the Hope Outreach Society. A cheque was presented to each of the three not-for-profit organizations by Councillor Claire Moglove, on behalf of the Olympic Torch Relay Spirit of the Flame Committee.

Spirit Bowls are handmade bowls that are intended to reflect and represent community spirit, an important foundation of the Olympics. Community spirit encourages a compassionate, caring and inclusive society, one that works toward social justice for all. The Spirit Bowls were created by professional and non professional artists alike during free public workshops held at the Campbell River Art Gallery and Museum at Campbell River. The workshops were hosted by celebrated local potter Sylvia McGourlick who graciously donated hand-thrown bowls for the community to decorate and glaze. Renowned First Nations artist Richard Krentz hosted a workshop where alder bowls were created and then donated to become one of the over sixty Spirit Bowls available for a donation at the CR Spirit of the Flame Olympic Torch Relay event November 2.

Students from the North Island College of Culinary Arts volunteered their time and skill to prepare the delicious soups that ensured the Spirit Bowls sold out within a short time. Proceeds and food donations raised from the free bus rides were directed to the Food Bank, as were the funds raised from the sale of the Mark Henderson original print.

Photo (from left to right): Doug McGillis (Salvation Army), George and Ann Minosky (Campbell River & District Food Bank), Councillor Claire Moglove (Spirit of the Flame Council Representative), Denise Monaco and Betty O'Leary (Hope Outreach Society)

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